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PRODUCTION OF TYPHOID VACCINES
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the production of Typhoid Vaccines at Haffkine Bio-pharmaceuticals Corporation Ltd. (HBPCL) was stopped in 1997;

(b) if so, the reasons for stopping its manufacture ;

(c) whether there has been pressing demand for the vaccine from the Armed Forces ;

(d) if so, the annual estimated demand therefor;

(e) whether different types or modes of manufacture have been considered for adoption at HBPCL ; and

(f) if so, the details in this regard indicating the results of tests performed on each type of the vaccine?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (DR.ANBUMANI RAMADOSS)

(a) & (b) The production of Whole cell killed typhoid vaccine was stopped in 1996 because the vaccine was found to be less efficacious in field practice.

(c) & (d): Yes, Sir. According to Armed Force Medical Services, Ministry of Defence, the annual estimated demand is 65 lakh doses.

(e) & (f): HBPCL has produced prototype batches of Acetone Killed Typhoid Vaccine only, which have been approved by Central Drugs Laboratory, Kasauli for manufacture and supply to Armed forces only.